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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the discharge of dangerous substances into
the aquatic environment of the Community

The European Parliament,

- A - whereas pollution resulting from the discharging of certain dangerous substances into the aquatic environment of the Community is governed by Framework Directive 76/464/EEC,

whereas the Commission is to submit individual directives for the substances in List I ('black' list) and the Member States are to draw up programmes for reducing discharges of substances in List II ('grey' list), which, where appropriate, may subsequently be harmonized,

- B - whereas the Commission's communication to the Council concerning the dangerous substances in List I at present covers 108 such substances which still require further investigation in addition to 21 substances already having undergone further investigation, hence the Commission's proposal to incorporate these 129 substances into Annex I ('black' list), implying that individual directives will have to be drawn up for 129 substances,
- C - whereas, following the Council resolution of 7 February 1983, a total of 11 of the 108 substances mentioned have been incorporated into Annex I to the framework directive,
- D - whereas, since the adoption of the 1976 framework, five individual directives have been proposed and, of these, two have so far been adopted by the Council,
- E - whereas, at the present rate of progress, it will take some 170 years for legal provisions on all of the 129 dangerous substances in question to appear,

1. Calls on the Commission to submit a report to Parliament specifying :
 - (a) how many of these 129 substances, having similar properties, could be grouped together under a single draft directive,
 - (b) how many individual draft directives the Commission is intending to draw up,
 - (c) within what time-scale the Commission considers it reasonable to complete this work in order to enable present generations to benefit from the resultant provisions;
2. Considers that in certain specific areas of environmental protection
 - the legal provisions governing the most important dangerous substances covered by the directive on the aquatic environment being a case in point - the Council should take decisions on the basis of a qualified majority of votes.